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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Acting Deputy Director for Operations

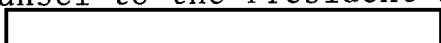
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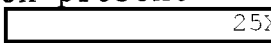
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Acting Chief, East Asia Division

SUBJECT: Meeting with Mr. Robert Turner, Counsel to the
President's Intelligence Oversight Board

1. Attached is a Memorandum for the Record which covers a briefing provided Mr. Robert Turner, Counsel to the President's Intelligence Oversight Board (PIOB), by  Acting Deputy Chief East Asia for North Asia and Pacific. Undertaken at Mr. Turner's request and arranged through the Office of the Inspector General, the briefing responded to the PIOB's interest in recent articles in the Wall Street Journal on the collapse of the Nugan Hand financial empire and allegations of CIA relationships with Nugan Hand. In addition to his own inquiry, Mr. Turner said that another person associated with the PIOB, whom he described only as a consultant, was exploring the issue through personal contacts.

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2. Mr. Turner's objectives were to determine the validity of the allegations and the extent of connections between present and past CIA employees with Nugan Hand. The thrust of  briefing was that an extensive internal investigation had concluded:

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a. The Agency had never used any Nugan Hand firm as a funding mechanism for covert action in Southeast Asia or, for that matter, anywhere else in the world;

b. The Agency had never been involved in narcotics trafficking through the Nugan Hand bank; and

c. That the Agency had not used the Nugan Hand Bank as a conduit for funds to assist in overthrowing the Whitlam Labor Government in 1975.

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Further, the investigation had revealed no substantive contact between current CIA personnel and Nugan Hand. [redacted] reviewed with Mr. Turner the Wall Street Journal descriptions of the relationships with Nugan Hand maintained by Messrs. William Colby, Walter MacDonald and Robert Jansen.

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3. Mr. Turner asked if [redacted] would be prepared to provide the same briefing to the PIOB and was told that [redacted] would be willing to provide the briefing subject to appropriate approvals within the Agency. Although he did not indicate when, Mr. Turner said he would be seeing the DCI and Judge Webster on the Nugan Hand controversy.

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Attachment:

Memo for the Record

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